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This is a request for filing a

☐ Continuation ☒ Divisional

application under 37 CFR 1.53(b), of pending prior application Serial Number 08/764,136
filed on December 12, 1996

of (inventor(s)): Seiji TATSUTA

entitled: INFORMATION REPRODUCING SYSTEM, INFORMATION RECORDING
MEDIUM, AND INFORMATION RECORDING APPARATUS

- 1a. ☐ Enclosed is specification, claims and drawings of the continuation or divisional application with a copy of the Oath or Declaration in the prior application.
- 1b. ☒ Enclosed is a copy of the prior application including a copy of the Oath or Declaration.
- 1c. ☒ A Preliminary Amendment is enclosed.
- 1d. ☐ Paper entitled Deletion of Inventor(s) Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2).
2. ☒ FEE: The filing fee is calculated below:

Claims as filed, less any claims cancelled by amendment herewith:

| | Number Filed | Number Extra | Rate | Calculations |
|---------------------------|------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------|
| Total Claims | <u>20</u> - 20 = | <u> </u> | x \$18.00 = | \$ <u> </u> |
| Independent Claims | <u>7</u> - 3 = | <u>4</u> | x \$78.00 = | \$ <u>312.00</u> |
| MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS | | | + \$260.00 = | \$ <u> </u> |
| | | | BASIC FEE | \$ <u>760.00</u> |
| | | | Total of above Calculations | \$ <u>1,072.00</u> |

3. ☒ To the extent not tendered by check, authorization is given to charge any fees under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17 during pendency of the application, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 06-1378. Duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.
4. ☒ A check in the amount of \$ 1,072.00 is enclosed.
5. ☒ Cancel claims 1-20, 33-35 and 44 (SEE PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT)

6. ☒ Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence: This is a ☐ continuation, ☒ division of

B application Serial Number 08/764,136 filed December 12, 1996. 5,943,448

7. ☒ New formal drawings are enclosed. 50 Sheets, Figs. 1-81 (SEE ALSO LETTER TO OFFICIAL DRAFTSPERSON WITH CORRECTED SHEETS OF FORMAL DRAWINGS)

8. ☒ The prior application is assigned to OLYMPUS OPTICAL CO., LTD.

9. ☐ Copies of Verified Statement(s) claiming Small Entity Status filed in said application Serial No. _____.
Small entity status is still proper and desired.

10. ☒ Incorporation by Reference: The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied under Box 1a or 1b, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.

11. ☒ The Power of Attorney in the prior application includes the following:

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12a. ☒ The power appears in the original papers of the prior application.

12b. ☐ Since the power does not appear in the original papers, a copy of the power in the prior application is enclosed.

13. ☒ Address all future communications to:

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14. ☒ Priority claim (35 USC 119) is made based upon

Japanese Patent Application No. 7-336800
Filed: December 25, 1995

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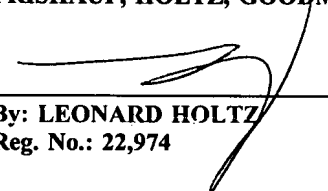
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15. ☒ Information Disclosure Statement

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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT
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Applicant(s): Seiji TATSUTA

Divisional of
Serial No. : 08/764,136

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Prior
Art Unit : 2724

Prior
Examiner : S. Rogers

LETTER TO THE OFFICIAL DRAFTSPERSON

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S I R :

Submitted herewith are corrected replacement sheets of
formal drawings to replace original Figs. 1, 3, 23, 36A, 36B, 41,
45, 49 and 67, with the changes indicated in red thereon. The
drawings have been amended as follows:

1. In Fig. 1, the separate portions of the Figure have
been amended to label them separately, and one
superfluous portion has been deleted, as indicated in
red on the accompanying copy;
2. Fig. 23 has been amended to label the portions thereof
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3. In Figs. 3, 36A, 36B, 41, 45, 49 and 67, spelling errors have been corrected, as indicated in red on the accompanying copies.

It is respectfully requested that the attached replacement sheets of formal drawings for Figs. 1, 3, 23, 36A, 36B, 41, 45, 49 and 67 be approved and entered.

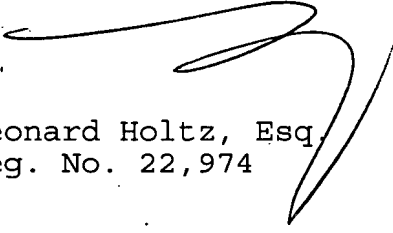
RE. "SOLID BLACK SHADING AREAS"

The drawings were objected to in parent application Serial No. 08/764,136 as having solid black shading areas. However, it is pointed out that the black portions in the drawings are not solid black shading at all, but are dark colored data dots which are shown as black, as is conventional in the data processing art, consistent with the description in the specification. See, for example, page 2, lines 18 et. seq. of the specification which refers to the data dots. As is conventional, and consistent with the description in the specification, the data dots are shown as a black dot pattern, printed on a data sheet, as shown in the present drawings. The solid black does not represent shading areas.

The dark area on the left side of Fig. 49 shows a shaded image, as described at page 29, line 24 and page 76, lines 5-8 of the present specification. This does not represent solid black shading areas.

Since corrected sheets of formal drawings are submitted herewith, it is respectfully submitted that no further drawing corrections should be required upon allowance of the application.

Respectfully submitted,



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